MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to treat the work as very urgent in view of the fact that, if the canal is allowed to lie in disrepair, the ryots would be put to *recurring* loss every year ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI ((*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As I said, the matter is being investigated by the P. W. Division Officer, Quilon, and the question will be taken up when he submits his report.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Have the Government informed the P. W. D. officers that, in view of the urgency of the matter, they must expedite their work of investigation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Do not the Government feel that the matter is urgent in view of the recurring loss which the ryots are put to ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The question can be decided only after the report of the Pubic Works Department has been received.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the Chief Engineer to report on the question whether the ryots are really being put to any loss *every year?*

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Has the Chief Engineer been asked to investigate that question also ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No. The petition was sent to the Chief Engineer by the Government, and the Chief Engineer, has, in turn, sent it on to the Executive Engineer for investigation and report. That is how the matter stands now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to ask the Chief Engineer to treat the matter as urgent ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That may be done.

Appointments made in the Medical Department during 1105 and 1106.

227. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of appointments made during 1105 and 1106 in the Medical Department and the number of Muslims who got such appointments ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Statements* containing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

Resident Medical Officer, General Hospital.

228. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) :- Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) the term for which the present (28-11-1932) Resident Medical Officer in the General Hospital was appointed as such ;

(*b*) whether the period of one year for which Resident Medical Officers are generally appointed will hold good in the case of the present officer also ;

(*c*) whether he is not a specialist in the X-ray Department and drawing an allowance for being in charge of the same ;

(*d*) if so, the reason for appointing him as the Resident Medical Officer ;

(*e*) the reason for continuing him as the Resident Medical Officer even now after the expiry of the period of one year ; and

(*f*) whether it is due to the fact that none of the other Assistant Surgeons are willing to accept the place that the present officer is continuing as the Resident Medical Officer ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) One year from the 23rd November 1930.

(*b*) Yes ; but due to exigencies of service, the Administrative Board, Medical Services, is continuing the present incumbent.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It is reported that none of the other Medical graduates available at the time the post fell vacant could be conveniently appointed as Resident Medical Officer.

(*e*) and (*f*) The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has stated that the question of posting another officer as Resident Medical Officer will be taken up when transfers are considered.

Statement, by caste, of the clerks, compounders and peons in the Medical Department.

229. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks, compounders and peons in the Medical Department showing also the dates of their appointments ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A statement † containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made in the Water Works Division in 1105 and 1106.

230. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made in the Water Works Section of the Engineering Department in 1105 and 1106 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The statement* required by the member is laid on the table.

† *Vide* Appendix II—pages 616—621.

**Vide* Appendix III—pages 622—623.

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